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Catch John Travolta and Devon Sawa in "The Fanatic." ALL PHOTOS BRIAN DOUGLAS

Crossing the line

John Travolta discusses his polarizing character in Fred Durst's new film, "The Fanatic." MOLLY GIVEN

Die-hard fans come with the territory when you are in the public eye. Everyone from professional athletes to musicians and even famous incarcerated individuals seem to have a fan club. But one avenue that often sees rabid fandom is the movie biz — and that is abundantly highlighted in John Travolta's latest film, "The Fanatic."

Travolta stars as Moose, a somewhat well-meaning, socially-awkward movie buff who emulates action star Hunter Dunbar (Devon Sawa) to the point of obsession. Moose takes his obsession to new lengths when he finally gets to meet Dunbar in person. Expectedly, when the interaction doesn't go over too well, Moose's admiration turns extreme.

The film came from the mind of Limp Bizkit creator Fred Durst, and Travolta was not only surprised with Durst's writing, but it struck a chord for the seasoned actor.

"I knew [Fred] was creative with his videos, but I didn't know what he'd be like as a writer. But [the script] just really got to me. It deeply affected me because I identified with parts of Moose and I identified with parts of the film actor," says Travolta. "The film actor is a good father and a good person but not a good celebrity, while my character is a man-child who is on the spectrum. So all of that was intriguing to me and I just saw how I could play it."

It was the polarizing characteristics of Moose that drew Travolta in, and the 65-year-old noted that's how it has happened with some of his other over-the-top roles. "Sometimes you have those visions of how you'll do it. I had that with Shapiro in 'The People vs. OJ Simpson,' and I felt that way with Edna in 'Hairspray.' Once in a while, you get these things that are in your back pocket, and I felt that way about this."

John Travolta as Moose in "The Fanatic."

One point of contention for Travolta, however, is whether or not he can make a character "likable."

"I don't want to do something in a movie that's not going to come off. Sometimes I'm offered roles where I say, 'You know what, I don't want to do this, it's too dark for me.' A lot of people hire me for these dark roles because I can solve them where they're still watchable, people can still like them. And I understand that. However, sometimes it's unsolvable: There's nothing I can find that I even like. So I choose not to do it. I have to have an affinity for playing it and I have to understand it," says Travolta.

When Moose first hits the screen, it's honestly difficult to initially feel the warm fuzzies for someone so out of tune with social cues. That is highlighted numerous times throughout the movie, with Moose cutting in on a heated argument between Dunbar and his ex-wife; Moose using a paparazzi app to find Dunbar's home; and then stalking his "hero" even after being threatened by Dunbar. But for Travolta, he wanted to discover why his character had such an extreme obsession. Being a veteran in the business himself, he had some ideas.

"There could be varying ideas on why the line between being just a fan and a fanatic can be crossed. There could be something off — like with Moose, he's on the spectrum and not thinking logically. Or there could be an obsessive affinity where you don't care and decide to take the risk and cross over the line of even simple manners and privacy. But let's say that's what it is. What's the measurement of that? How far would you take that in another situation? So I think there are these varying degrees of measuring over-the-line concepts. Some of it has to do with manners and public relations, and some of it has to do with estimating the state of mind that a person is in before you approach them," says Travolta.

Figuring out the varying degrees of measurement when it comes to privacy is just one theme the film explores. "The Fanatic" also showcases the harsh reality of emulating anyone famous, the complicated relationships anyone can have when they feel unbalanced, and the obsessive lengths fans reach when pushed.

Travolta certainly served up his dedication to the character of Moose on a silver platter, and went with his gut, for the most part, when doing so.

"I think a lot of the emotional licks and notes came from surprise feelings at the moment — it happened in a few scenes. I liked the idea of, how far will you go to convince the star you love of who you are? You have to tie them up and demonstrate as an actor, and with affection, never thinking of the consequence," says Travolta. "Tragedy and horror only affect Moose to a degree. He always sees the glass as half-full and moves on. That's my take on it."

"The Fanatic" hits theaters Aug. 30.

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The cast of 'Dark Crystal' on lending their voices to this beloved story

We spoke with stars Keegan-Michael Key, Nathalie Emmanuel, and Jason Isaacs ahead of the show's premiere. **PAT KING**

ALL PHOTOS NETFLIX

This weekend, fans of the beloved Jim Henson film "The Dark Crystal" will rejoice as they will be able to spend all of Labor Day weekend binge-watching the brand-new series, "The Dark Crystal: The Age of Resistance" on Netflix starting this Friday. The 10-part series sends fans back to the land of Thra for an epic quest that acts as a prequel to the original all-puppet 1982 film.

In the new series, British actress Nathalie Emmanuel, better known for her role as Missandei on "Game of Thrones," lends her voice as one of the show's characters, Deet, one of three Gelflings — along with Rian and Brea, played by Taron Egerton and Anya Taylor-Joy, respectively — who set out to defeat the evil Skeksis and their quest to use the Dark Crystal's powers for evil. Emmanuel was completely blown away upon seeing her voice being transported into this world created by the unique imagination of the Henson Company.

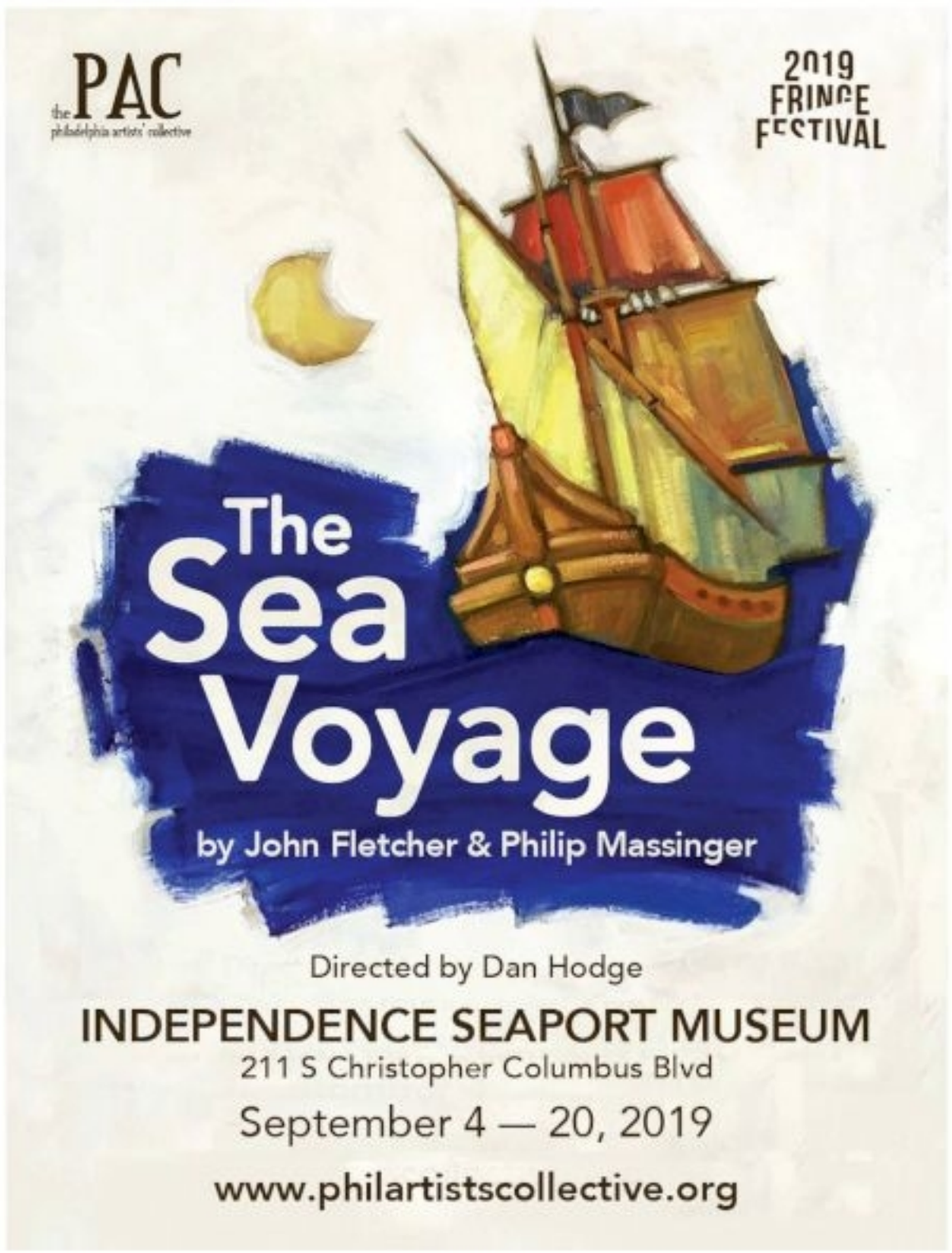
"It's so phenomenal, the puppeteers are the real stars of this show," the actress told me. "The people that make the sets and the puppets, that artistry is just genius. Don't get me wrong, voicing these characters is really difficult because stuff is synched that you have no control over as a performer — unlike animation, where they can change it. So there are many challenges that come with that. But, I watched it and was blown away by the world that they created. Of course there are modern technologies that can be used, like CGI and special effects, but it was minimal. The real beauty is in the puppets and within the sets. It was filmed in a way that allows for that."

With all of this praise for the details that went in "Dark Crystal," and after being in another iconic fantasy property that relied heavily on CGI to bring its world into reality, I asked if Emmanuel could settle the score once and for all: Which is better, puppetry or CGI?

"Puppetry, hands down!" she says with a laugh. "They're very, very different skills that require a lot of dedication and require amazing artistic ability. But to make a puppet emote is just fascinating to me."

Another actor who is very familiar with being attached to wildly successful fantasy properties is Jason Isaacs, who plays The Emperor of the Skeksis. While the pressure of entering such a cherished world for fans may be a daunting task for many, Isaacs has found that the power of the fandom surrounding the properties he has worked on has given him much more appreciation for the art of storytelling.

"The last few years, just by chance, I've had something to do in a lot of fandom," Isaacs says. "With 'Star Trek,' 'Harry



Potter,' 'Star Wars,' and now this. It's incredibly exciting and always reinvigorating for me, after decades as an actor, to be reminded how powerful stories are. ... The last few years, I've gotten to interact with fans and in a way, it's lit the pilot light inside me and reminded me how important stories are in our world."

The hilarious and always infectiously energetic Keegan-Michael Key also stars in the show, as the Ritual Master, one of the Skeksis. For Key, his love of "The Dark Crystal" and all things Jim Henson can be traced back to early in his life.

"What drew me to it as a child is that the world became so immersive by virtue of the fact that all of the characters were puppets. You weren't linking in to a human! What's so amazing about the Hensons is they bring so much art into what they do that you fall in love with a small piece of vinyl, or plastic, or rubber. You get really invested in what this creature is going to achieve or not achieve, or win or lose, or how that's going to work. But what really sucks you in is you're really entering into another world. There's no humans in this world, and I think that's what drew me in."

Key is certainly one of the more agile and acrobatic comedic performers around, and with the puppeteers of the show doing the heavy lifting of propelling the action, I ask if Key found himself acting out the dialogue on his own while lending his voice to the character.

"I always do!" says Key in thunderous affirmation. "My favorite is when I do voice-over work and I walk into a room and the room is this size [points around the room with hands] and go, '[diabolically laughs] Strap a mic on me!' If they need you to land, I like to jump and land as opposed to trying to fabricate it. I continue to be as physical an actor and make choices as physical as I can even if I know I'm not going to be seen."

"The Dark Crystal: The Age of Resistance" premieres on Netflix this Friday, Aug. 30.

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What to expect this year at Made in America

Jay-Z's musical extravaganza kicks off this weekend. MOLLY GIVEN

End your summer on a high note this Labor Day Weekend— Made in America is back. Jay-Z's two-day musical extravaganza features hand-picked artists performing high-energy shows, carnival rides lining the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, enticing food and drink options, plus much more.

The fun kicks off on August 31 with Cardi B headlining the first day of the Festival. The "I Like It" songstress will be joined by Juice WRLD, Bazzi, Anderson.Paak & The Free Nationals, Jorja Smith, Dominic Fike and more talented performers. "Goosebumps" rapper Travis Scott will headline the second day of Made in America on September 1, and will be joined by Lil Uzi Vert, Lizzo, James Blake, Gucci Mane, Blueface and more primetime acts. There will be multiple stages lined along the Parkway with the main stage set up out front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, performances start around 1 pm each day. A full list of the Festival's lineup is available online.

Aside from the notable live entertainment, there is plenty more to experience at Made in America. Get your carnival fix in with a variety of amusement rides and interactive games, while also munching on tasty treats and refreshing beverages including six unique cocktail creations from D'USSÉ Cognac.

Philadelphians can also check out the Puma Hoops Jersey Customization Lab to create your very own unique Jersey design. According to the website, each festival attendee that donates $20 or above to The Reform Alliance will receive a PUMA Hoops Jersey. Attendees will be able to collaborate with Ubiq's on-site designers to personalize their jersey with exclusive graphic sets, and the sets will be timed to only be available for certain times throughout the festival. Entertainers from the Festival and Puma athletes will also be stopping by the tent for meet and greets. As a bonus, each jersey also comes with a free 60-day Tidal subscription.

If you happen to already be a Tidal subscription holder you're in luck--Tidal members will get a true VIP experience with a private lounge for meet and greets, free merchandise to take home and an elevated view of the main stage.

Made in America will also feature Monster Energy Drink swag, mobile charging lockers and the Cause Village which is the Festival's philanthropic footprint and hub for social action featuring over 56 charities.

One-day, two-day and VIP tickets are available on the official website for purchase. There will also be multiple road closures throughout the duration of the festival (turn to page 20 for info on public transportation, parking and street closures)—it's recommended to use public transportation when arriving and leaving Made in America.

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What can you do to get ahead of allergies?

Prevention goes a long way. We're currently in weed season right now, so if you're allergic to weeds, keeping your windows closed and the AC on is a good idea. If you do outdoor activities, be sure to take your allergy medications before going outside. Something a lot of people don't know is that pollen levels are usually a little lower in the morning, which makes it the best time for outdoor activities. One other tip is to shower at night to get pollen off your hair. Otherwise, you'll be sleeping with your face in pollen when you turn your head from side to side.

How can I keep track of pollen levels?

I highly recommend downloading a pollen app, which will let you know when pollen counts are high and what pollen is in the air. I also recommend adding an air quality app.

You mentioned allergy medicines. How do they work?

A lot of allergy medicines are over-the-counter, and they're perfectly safe to take all year round if need be. The number one treatment for allergy-induced nasal symptoms is an intranasal steroid like triamcinolone and fluticasone. Oral, long-lasting antihistamines are popular, too. They work pretty quickly without making you drowsy, but the only downside is that your symptoms will probably return if you stop taking them. Many people also find relief using allergy eye drops.

How can I find out what I'm allergic to?

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Head to Tuna Bar this Sunday to celebrate the end of the summer in style. Guests can enjoy bottomless mimosas and an extended brunch menu (11 a.m.-3 p.m.), a highlighted summer food and drink menu for dinner (4 p.m.-7 p.m.), other delicious specials, outdoor seating and live music all day long. **Sept. 1, all day, Tuna Bar, 205 Race St., prices vary, tunabar.com**

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Radio host and comedian Trevor Noah is hitting the stage in Atlantic City this weekend at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa. Noah is most well known for his late-night political commentary set "The Late Show with Trevor Noah" and other notable programs. The South-Africa native will be hitting the stage for one night only. **Sept. 1, 7 p.m., Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, 1 Borgata Way, Atlantic City, $60-$100, theborgata.com**

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MOLLY GIVEN

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All aboard the newly refurbished "Spirit of Philadelphia" for stunning views of Philly and the Ben Franklin Bridge from the river. On Aug. 31, book a midday lunch cruise complete with a buffet and DJ entertainment. If you want to plan a night to remember, don't miss their fireworks dinner cruise with premium views of the Labor Day fireworks display. The evening cruise will also have a night of games on the top deck and dancing. Cruises depart from Penn's Landing.

Aug. 31, Times vary, 401 S Columbus Blvd, spiritcruises.com, $49-$120

Dockside Beer Garden

If you can't make the cruise, you will have the opportunity to check out the Spirit of Philadelphia during their pop up Dockside Beer Garden. Philly's own Mainstay Independent Brewing Company is co-hosting the event and will have a range of their beers available, in addition to cocktail specials. Admission is free, and there will be live music and complimentary snacks.

Aug. 31, 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., 401 S Columbus Blvd, spiritcruises.com, Pay as you go

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Chill out practically underneath the Ben Franklin Bridge at La Peg, the brasserie that's part of FringeArts. For Waterfront Day, the restaurant will have $5 strawberry margaritas, $5 fish tacos with spicy slaw and $3 draft beers. Grab seats on their giant patio for beautiful views and perfect summer vibes. *11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., 140 N Columbus Blvd, lapegbrasserie.com, Pay as you go*

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Keira Knightley. PETER NICHOLLS/REUTERS

A minute with: Keira Knightley as a whistleblower in 'Official Secrets'

'Official Secrets' opens this weekend.

Actress Keira Knightley turns to the 2003 Iraq War for her latest film "Official Secrets," in which she portrays a British government employee who was fired for leaking a secret U.S. memo in the run-up to the conflict.

The 34-year old plays Katharine Gun, a former translator at Britain's global spy center who was charged with breaking the Official Secrets Act for leaking a U.S. memo seeking London's help in spying on the United Nations.

Knightley spoke to Reuters about the role. Below are edited excerpts of the interview.

Very few people know Gun's story.
I remember the lead up to that conflict really well and I do not remember anything about this story...I thought wow, this is a really interesting thing to shine a light on, particularly when you look at the conflict in Iraq in terms of history, you think well that's a piece of the puzzle that feels very important and that I think people should know more about.

Why is it important for people to know more about it?
It's the questions that it brings: government accountability, legality of conflict and if perhaps conflicts are not legal, who is held accountable for that? How do we want our societies to work?

How much of it was a wakeup call to our generation to pay more attention to politics and foreign affairs?
Definitely within my friendship group it was such a moment of disillusionment because we all went to the streets... and the idea...that they weren't listening ... and that feeling of disillusionment and that feeling of shock at certain political figures maybe not telling the truth, I think has had a major impact.

Being a mother, how do these things play on your mind for the next generation?
It's going to be climate change isn't it? It seems pretty apparent and if you read anything about climate change it seems that they're going to be the massive things that younger generations are going to be hugely fighting against. The question really for our generation is are we doing enough?

How has the film helped you to understand what it takes for someone to risk everything by whistle blowing?
There will be many people that don't believe what Katharine did was right. There will be many people who do believe what Katharine did was right. What you can't question is her courage. The idea that somebody has a moral reaction to something and puts everything on the line...for something she believed was right in order to...save lives is an extraordinary thing. Would I have the courage to do that? I don't know. REUTERS

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Cardi B
Aug. 31

The "I Like It" rapper is coming to the City of Brotherly Love to perform a massive concert on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. **Aug. 31, 7 p.m., Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, 1 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, $140+**

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Manayunk BBQ Crawl
Aug. 31

Stroll through the picturesque Manayunk neighborhood while sampling some of the area's best and juciest BBQ selections. **Aug. 31, noon-5 p.m., Main Street, Manayunk, $5-$20**

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Comedy & Cocktails
Sept. 5

Head to New Liberty Distillery for an evening filled with hand-crafted cocktails and unqiue stand-up comedians performing for one night only. **Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m., New Liberty Distillery, 1431 N. Cadwallader St., $25**

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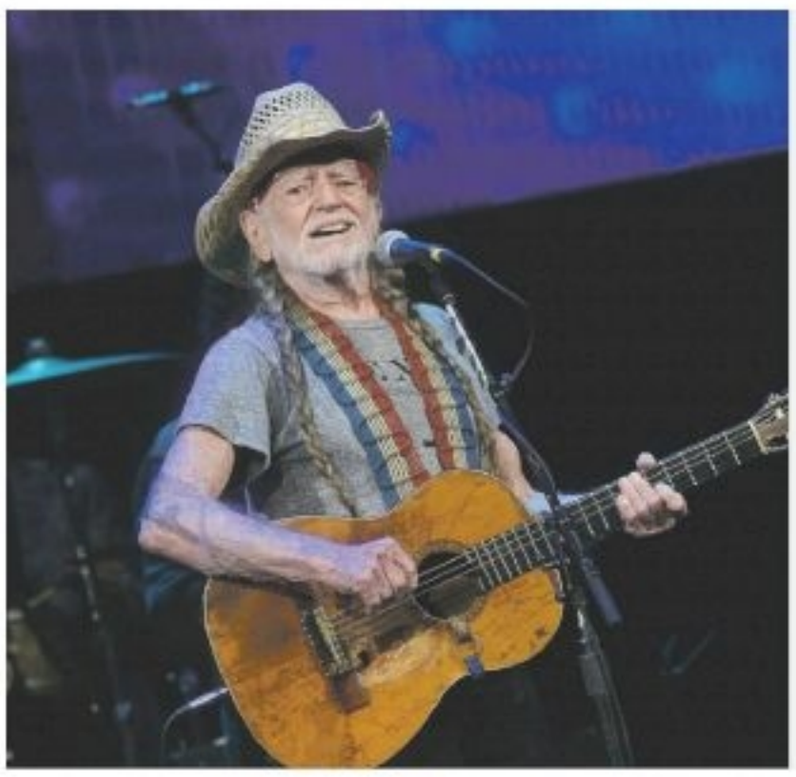
Marren Morris
Sept. 7
"The Middle" songstress is hitting the stage at the Met Philadelphia to perform for one night only in the City of Brotherly Love. **Sept. 7, 8 p.m., Met Philadelphia, 858 N. Broad St., $30-$85**



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Willie Nelson
Sept. 13
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I didn't get to leave the city this summer, didn't cool off in a river or a lake. Didn't see a shooting star streak across the Milky Way. But knowing that others did, gladdens my heart.

And so, goodbye summer, fare thee well. We'll see you next year.

— **Anonymous,** *Metro US reader*

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Aries Explore new possibilities. Consider what you may need to learn, pick up or change to take advantage of an opportunity. Take your time, do your due diligence and ease your stress.

Taurus Set your sights high and shoot for the stars. A disciplined attitude, hard work and a little charm will help take you to the top. Celebrate with a loved one.

Gemini Someone you thought you could trust will let you down. Keep personal information secret, and don't leave money, passwords or valuable possessions out in the open.

Cancer No pain, no gain. Snap into action and get fit. A healthy body, mind and soul will be what's needed to help you reach your goal.

Leo You can have fun, but don't go overboard. Trying to impress someone will lead to a loss. Just be who you are, and you will find out where you stand.

Virgo A day trip will change your attitude and broaden your outlook. Firsthand experience is the best way to learn and make positive changes to your life. Love, romance and personal growth are favored.

Libra Take care of your responsibilities. Don't be afraid to say no to someone who is asking you for too much. Diplomacy and positive suggestions will be sufficient.

Scorpio Just because you are good at something is no reason to let others take advantage of your skills and talents. Make your objectives, boundaries and expectations clear.

Sagittarius Don't believe everything you hear. Make decisions based on facts, figures and what's best for you. Let go of what and who belong in your past.

Capricorn Change will come easy. If you focus on what you want, you'll find a way to improve your life. A gift, inheritance or unexpected offer is heading your way.

Aquarius Sit tight. Don't feel that you must make a move just because someone else does. Rely on your intelligence, connections and belief in who you are and what you can do.

Pisces Express your thoughts and ideas, but listen to reason. Too much of anything will end up setting you back. A practical approach will help you gain support and respect. **EUGENIA LAST**

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Jessi Combs, race car driver. REUTERS

US driver Jessi Combs killed in bid to break land-speed record

"All Girls Garage" host chronicled attempt to exceed 512 mph.

Race car driver Jessi Combs, host of the television series "All Girls Garage," was killed in a high-speed crash while trying to set a new land-speed record, her family said on Wednesday.

Combs, 39, was attempting to become the fastest woman on Earth when she was killed while racing on Tuesday on the Alvord Desert, a dry lake bed in southeastern Oregon, the family said in a statement.

The details of the crash were not released.

"Jessi's most notable dream was to become the fastest woman on Earth, a dream she had been chasing since 2012," the statement said. "Combs was one of the rare dreamers with the bravery to turn those possibilities into reality, and she left this earth driving faster than any other woman in history."

Combs, who began her career as a builder of hot-rod cars, was seen on television in a number of auto shows, including "Overhaulin'," "Truck U," "MythBusters" and "All Girls Garage."

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> Family statement

Combs' close friend and teammate Terry Madden called her an "amazing spirit."

"Unfortunately we lost her yesterday in a horrific accident, I was the first one there and trust me we did everything humanly possible to save her!!," he said in an Instagram posting.

Combs had chronicled her attempt on social media to beat the 512-mile-per-hour women's land-speed record set in 1976 by American Kitty O'Neil, who died last November.

In a posting on Instagram this week, Combs wrote, "It may seem a little crazy to walk directly into the line of fire ... those who are willing, are those who achieve great things. People say I'm crazy. I say thank you." REUTERS

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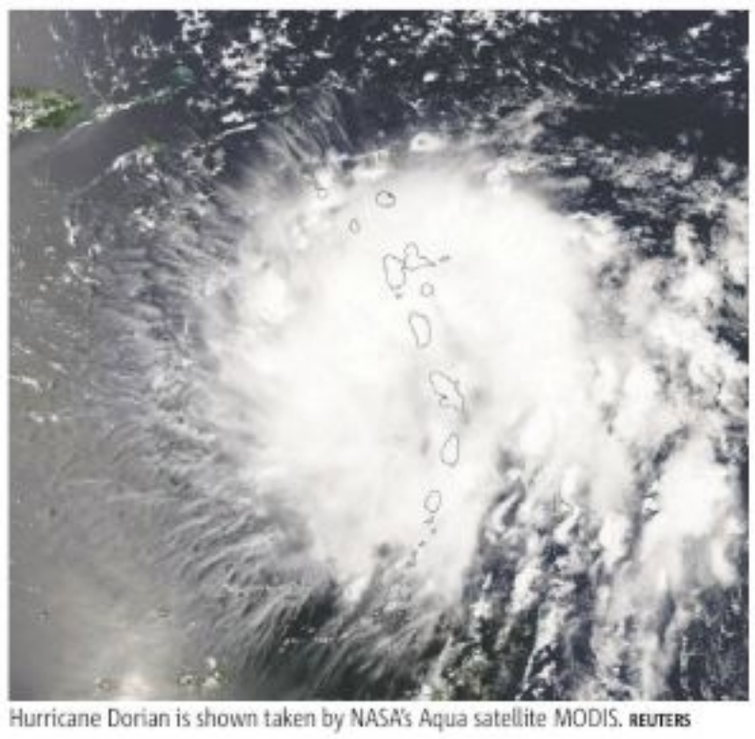
President Trump slams Puerto Rico as Dorian, now hurricane, heads for island

Governor says "better prepared" than when Maria hit in 2017.

A man prepares the building outside a store for the arrival of Hurricane Dorian in Humacao, Puerto Rico. GETTY IMAGE



Hurricane Dorian is shown taken by NASA's Aqua satellite MODIS. REUTERS

President Donald Trump on Wednesday called Puerto Rico "one of the most corrupt places on earth" as the U.S. territory prepared for a hit by Hurricane Dorian, which brought back memories on the island of devastation from hurricanes two years ago.

Puerto Rico is still struggling to recover from back-to-back hurricanes in 2017, which killed about 3,000 people just months after it filed for bankruptcy.

Dorian was bearing down on Puerto Rico from the southeast and was expected to become a hurricane soon as it barrels towards Florida, which it could hit as a major hurricane.

After approving an emergency declaration for Puerto Rico late on Tuesday, Trump took a swipe at the U.S. territory in a tweet on Wednesday morning.

"Puerto Rico is one of the most corrupt places on earth. Their political system is broken and their politicians are either Incompetent or Corrupt. Congress approved Billions of Dollars last time, more than anyplace else has ever gotten, and it is sent to Crooked Pols. No good!" Trump wrote.

Trump has a history of disputes with Puerto Rico's leaders. He was heavily criticized for a tepid response to the 2017 hurricanes that battered Puerto Rico.

This week, Democrats in the U.S. Congress also slammed him for shifting $271 million earmarked for disaster aid and cyber security to pay for detention facilities and courts for migrants arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border.

House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat, on Tuesday described the shift as "stealing from appropriated funds."

The Miami-based National Hurricane Center (NHC) said Dorian was

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blowing maximum sustained winds of 75 mph about 25 miles southeast of the island of St. Croix on Wednesday morning.

"Dorian is forecast to be near hurricane strength when it approaches the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico," the NHC said.

Puerto Rican officials warned that the eastern part of the island should brace for particularly heavy rains.

"We are better prepared than when Hurricane Maria attacked our island," Puerto Rico Gov. Wanda Vazquez said on Tuesday.

Vazquez, who took office this month after political turmoil led to the resignation of her predecessor, said preparations for the storm were more than 90 percent complete.

Infrastructure ranging from electric power lines to telecommunications and banking networks were in better shape than they had been in 2017, she added.

BAD HISTORY

Two years ago, Puerto Rico was recovering from Hurricane Irma when Hurricane Maria struck in September 2017, destroying roads and bridges and leaving much of the Caribbean island without electricity for months.

The U.S. response to Maria became highly politicized as the Trump administration was criticized as being slow to recognize the extent of the devastation and in providing disaster relief to Puerto Rico, an island of more than 3 million people. Trump later disputed Puerto Rico's official death toll of 3,000.

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Hogan Gidley, a White House deputy press secretary, accused Puerto Rican authorities on Wednesday of misusing taxpayer funds in the 2017 hurricanes.

"The money we sent down there, we now know, several on the ground have been indicted for misusing that money, giving it to politicians as bonuses, watching that food rot in the ports, the water went bad," he told reporters.

Puerto Rican public schools are closed on Wednesday and public workers have been instructed to stay home, Vazquez said.

Royal Caribbean's cruise liner "Allure of the Sea" canceled a scheduled visit to the island on Thursday, and Carnival Cruise Line also adjusted its itineraries, the governor said.

The NHC's latest forecasts predict that Dorian could reach Florida as a major hurricane early on Monday.

The Dominican Republic has also upped storm preparations. Juan Manuel Mendez, director of the emergency operations center, said authorities have identified 3,000 buildings that can be converted into shelters, with capacity for up to 800,000 people. REUTERS

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Made in America 2019: parking, road closures, public transport

Here's everything you need to know about getting around Philly during this weekend's Made in America Festival.

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COURTESY MADE IN AMERICA FESTIVAL

This weekend, Jay-Z's Made in America festival makes its return to the Benjamin Franklin Parkway for the eighth straight year, welcoming headliners Cardi B and Travis Scott — so Philadelphians may want to plan ahead for some travel disruptions.

Here's how the festival, which takes place on Saturday, Aug. 31, and Sunday, Sept. 1, will impact public transportation, parking and street closures.

Road Closures

- The entire width of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, beginning at 20th Street extending through Eakins Oval (25th Street)
- Behind the Philadelphia Museum of Art
- **Note:** Rear of the Philadelphia Museum of Art will be accessible to museum guests via a special route (Fairmount Avenue, to Pennsylvania Avenue, to 25th Street/Anne d'Harnoncourt Drive)
- 21st Street, between Winter and Spring Garden streets
- 22nd Street, between Race Street and Fairmount Avenue
- Spring Garden Street Tunnel
- Spring Garden Street Bridge
- **Note:** The City will make every effort to keep this bridge open during Philadelphia Museum of Art operating hours, but it may be forced to close during periods of heavy pedestrian traffic
- Kelly Drive, between 23rd Street and Fairmount Avenue
- Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, between the Falls Bridge and Eakins Oval
- 2100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, between the Whole Foods store and 21st Street
- **Note:** The eastern half of the block, from the Whole Foods Market to 20th Street, will remain open to allow access to the store
- I-676 westbound off-ramp at 22nd Street
- **Note:** I-676 eastbound off-ramp at 23rd Street will be open

No Parking

- Pennsylvania Avenue, between 22nd Street and Fairmount Avenue (south side of street)
- Winter Street, between 20th and 22nd streets (both sides of street)
- 20th Street, between Vine and Callowhill streets (east side of street)
- 21st Street, between Benjamin Franklin Parkway and Race Street (both sides of street)
- 22nd Street, between Winter and Spring Garden streets (both sides of street)
- Park Towne Place, between 22nd and 24th streets (both sides of street)
- Spring Garden Street, between 22nd Street and Pennsylvania Avenue
- Race Street, between 19th and 20th streets

Public Transportation

SEPTA

SEPTA's Broad Street and Market Frankford Lines will run on their regular weekend schedule. Race-Vine and City Hall stations on the Broad Street Line and 15th Street Station on the Market Frankford Line provide easy walking access to the festival gates.

Regional Rails

Regional Rail will have additional late-night service from the Jefferson, Suburban and 30th Street stations. For more updates, visit Septa.org/events. If concerts run late, service will be held for 20 minutes after event.

Trolley routes

Routes 10, 11, 13, 15, 34 and 36 will offer service to and from the festival.

Bus

SEPTA Routes 7, 32, 33, 38, 43 and 48 will detour from their regular routes through the Benjamin Franklin Parkway area, starting Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 5 a.m., to Sept. 2.

Rideshare services

All rideshare services will have specified pickup and drop-off locations along the 2100 block of Spring Garden Street and the 1900 block of Arch Street.

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Apple suspends practice of keeping Siri recordings, hiring contractors to listen

Apple Inc. on Wednesday said it would quit its default practice of retaining audio recordings of the requests users make to its Siri personal assistant and limit human review of what audio it does collect to its own employees rather than contractors.

The changes come after Apple earlier this month paused a program called Siri grading in which humans listened to audio recordings of users to determine whether the assistant had responded appropriately to requests to do things like read unread messages or upcoming calendar appointments.

Apple put the program on hold after the Guardian newspaper reported that contractors working on Apple's behalf regularly heard confidential information, drug deals and couples having sex.

Increased public and political scrutiny of data privacy practices have forced greater transparency from Silicon Valley companies, with Alphabet Inc.'s Google pausing reviews of audio recordings from its Google assistant service for all purposes in all languages after a leak of Dutch audio data.

Apple logo. REUTERS

Apple has promoted its privacy practices in an effort to distance itself from its rivals and has taken steps since Siri's introduction in 2011 to limit data collection. Audio recordings are deleted after a set period of time, users were identified by a random number, and data such as a user's unread messages or calendar appointments were not sent to Apple's servers.

But Apple tapped humans to improve the service, a process that the company's researchers have in the past told Reuters can cut speech-recognition error rates in half. Apple says the number of audio recordings reviewed was small — less than 0.2 percent of total requests — but users had no way to opt out of having audio retained and reviewed by humans except turning Siri off altogether.

Apple on Wednesday said that it will quit keeping audio for human review and instead let users opt in to having their audio reviewed if they choose. The company said it will still use computer-generated transcripts to improve Siri.

Apple also said that it will let only employees review the audio and that it "will work to delete any recording which is determined to be an inadvertent trigger of Siri."

Apple said the pause on the program will remain in place until the changes are carried out but did not give a date. REUTERS

BRIEF

Nike, Adidas among 200 US footwear brands urging Trump to scrap tariff hike

More than 200 U.S. footwear companies on Wednesday urged President Donald Trump to cancel proposed higher tariffs on Chinese imports that take effect beginning next month, calling them hidden taxes that will jack up consumer prices.

"Imposing tariffs in September on the majority of all footwear products from China — including nearly every type of leather shoe — will make it impossible for hardworking American individuals and families to escape the harm that comes from these tax increases," the companies wrote in a letter to Trump.

While tariffs on some Chinese imports will be delayed until Dec. 15, the majority of footwear lines face an added 15 percent tariff on Sept. 1, the letter said. That comes on top of tariffs that already average 11 percent and reach 67 percent on some shoes, it added.

"This added 15 percent tax will cost U.S. footwear consumers an additional $4 billion every year," the letter said, citing an estimate by the Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America (FDRA) trade group, which spearheaded the letter.

The letter, signed by companies including Nike, Adidas, Crocs, DSW and Foot Locker, warned that the new tariffs would exacerbate economic uncertainty and could drive up prices in other countries that produce footwear, given limited production capacities.

The U.S. Trade Representative's Office on Wednesday reaffirmed Trump's plans to impose an additional 5 percent tariff on a $300 billion list of Chinese imports starting Sept. 1 and Dec. 15. The Trump administration had previously planned to impose a 10 percent tariff on these imports. FDRA Chief Executive Matt Priest warned that the higher tariffs would result in job losses across the industry.

"Brands have already said tariffs will dent job growth and shoe stores are saying it's a job killer," Priest said in a statement. "We hope the president listens to Americans across the country ... and stops this unnecessary trade war."

The letter also rejected comments from U.S. officials who say China can simply devalue its currency to cover the added costs. "This is simply not true when it comes to our industry, because import prices are almost always quoted and negotiated in U.S. dollars not RMB (Chinese yuan)," it said. REUTERS

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Here is a look at the Big 3 in PA right now and what they're currently offering:

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For instance, I recently opened an account at BetRivers through **TinyURL.com/y6nb6q5o.**

I initially deposited $50 and BetRivers matched my money by giving me a free $50. I had a total of $100 to play with, won a few $5 bets here, lost a few $5 bets there and eventually wound up with $90 in my account after a few weeks.

I had a rather large cellphone bill this month (friggin' data charges!) so I decided to cash out and use that free betting money to pay my phone bill. In essence, BetRivers paid for my stupidity of scrolling through Facebook at the beach!

Best Bets

College FB: Auburn vs. Oregon game pick

AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, is the site for Saturday night's showdown between the Oregon Ducks and Auburn Tigers. Bettors should jump at the chance to grab points with the high-octane Oregon offense in this one.

Senior QB Justin Herbert threw for over 3,000 yards and 29 TDs a year ago. He could have gone No. 1 overall in the 2019 NFL Draft, but he chose to stay in Eugene. Herbert is accompanied by a highly experienced line featuring three fourth-year starters and a dynamic running back tandem in CJ Verdell and Travis Dye, who combined for over 1,700 rushing yards in 2018.

Auburn's offense should pale in comparison. Dual-threat freshman Bo Nix will be calling signals for the first time behind an offensive line that struggled for most of last season. Per athlonsports.com, the Tigers did not have a running back record 1,000 or more yards for the first time in a decade in 2018.

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Auburn's top two wide-outs, Ryan Davis and Darius Slayton, have departed. The Tigers were better than the Ducks in total defense a year ago by about 28 yards per game, but that probably won't be enough to make up the deficit on the other side of the ball.

The play: Oregon spread

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SPORTS

Phils need to give Hoskins a night off

The Phillies first baseman's nightmarish second half continues to get worse.

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Rhys Hoskins' error allowed the Pirates to score the winning run on Tuesday night. GETTY IMAGES

It's time for Rhys Hoskins to take a night off.

The Phillies first baseman continues to do and say the right things during the worst stretch of his young MLB career, but Gabe Kapler has to consider giving the 26-year-old a breather.

Even if it's against wishes.

Hoskins' struggles made their way to the defensive side of his game on Tuesday night when he dropped Jean Segura's throw that would have completed an inning-ending double play in the ninth inning. Instead, the error allowed the winning run to cross the plate as the Phillies came up empty in the bottom of the frame.

While Kapler suggested that he would consider sitting Hoskins, the first baseman wasn't nearly as open.

"Absolutely not," he said. "We're in a playoff push right now."

The problem is that Hoskins has done little to fuel said playoff push over the past two months.

He was on pace for a monster year throughout the first half of the season. In his first 89 games, Hoskins slashed .263/.401/.530 with 20 home runs and 59 RBI.

That put him on pace to finish the 2019 regular season with 35 home runs and 106 RBI.

The All-Star break, however, looks to have sapped all his powers to the point where there is a legitimate concern amongst the Phillies fan base.

In 41 games since the start of Major League Baseball's proverbial second half, Hoskins is slashing an abysmal .166/.330/.331 with five home runs and 14 RBI.

His struggles have halved the Phillies' dynamic duo as Bryce Harper has been left to shoulder a majority of the offensive load for a team desperate to stay within the hunt for a National League Wild Card spot.

Harper, who also experienced a swoon following the All-Star break, is coming alive at the right time with 10 home runs in his last 19 games.

If the Phillies can somehow help Hoskins get out of this funk, those around the organization will surely like their playoff chances much more than they currently do.

All it would take is starting Logan Morrison for a day at first while Hoskins is given a night to re-assess things for the stretch run.

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Big 3 amidst historic chase at '19 US Open

Nadal, Federer, Djokovic are in a race against the record books.

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Rafael Nadal (top right), Roger Federer (top left), Novak Djokovic (bottom).
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In this Golden Era of men's tennis, every Grand Slam tournament brings a new opportunity for the "Big Three" to make history.

If No. 2 seed Rafael Nadal can win his fourth US Open title next week, it would be the 19th Grand Slam crown of his career — bringing him within one of Roger Federer's all-time mark of 20.

Defending US Open champ and No. 1 seed Novak Djokovic is hot on the heels of both Federer and Nadal with 16 major titles.

"I need to keep improving every single day," Nadal, 33, said after his methodical 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 destruction Tuesday night of Australian John Millman, who took out Federer in the fourth round last year. "Winning with that result [will] allow me more to have a good practice. I hope to be ready for after tomorrow knowing is a tough challenge, Thanasi in the second round."

Nadal faces Australian Thanasi Kokkinakis in the second round Thursday and could get big-hitting American John Isner or 2014 US Open champ Marin Cilic in the fourth round.

Still, the bottom half of the draw opened up significantly for Nadal when four of the top 10 seeds all lost Tuesday: No. 4 Dominic Thiem, who lost to Nadal in the last two French Open finals; No. 8 Stefanos Tsitsipas, who beat Federer at the Australian Open; No. 9 Karen Khachanov; and No. 10 Roberto Bautista Agut.

"If you play bad, you can lose," Nadal said. "Tsitsipas had a very tough first round. Of course, Karen is a surprise. I think Thiem has been very sick for the last 10 days. I feel very sorry for him."

One player who could make a run in the bottom half of the draw is mercurial Australian Nick Kyrgios, the No. 28 seed who took out American Stevie Johnson in straight sets late Tuesday.

Kyrgios has all the talent to make a deep run but has never been past the third round at the Open. He could potentially face Nadal in the semifinals.

Djokovic and Federer are on the top half of the draw and could meet in the semifinals in a rematch of their epic five-set Wimbledon final won by Djokovic.

The "Big Three" have won the last 11 Grand Slam titles and 54 of 65 since Wimbledon 2003.

"I think if you ask Roger or Novak or myself what we think about that, we'll say it's something very difficult," said Nadal, who won his 12th French Open title earlier this year. "But here we are. For us, that's good news."

Andy Murray, a member of the so-called "Big Four," is playing this week in a Challenger event in Mallorca, Spain as part of his comeback from hip surgery.

Playing on the Challenger circuit for the first time, Murray beat 115th-ranked Norbert Gombos of Slovakia 6-3, 6-4 to advance to the round of 16.

Nadal, born in Mallorca, offered Murray the use of his boat while the Scot is there.

"I just texted him a couple days ago saying, If you need anything, just let me know," Nadal said. "You want to go out with the boat or anything, I can help you, just let me know."

"For us in the academy, is great news that he's there, of course. I saw the court yesterday where he was playing. full crowded. I think is great for him, great for us."

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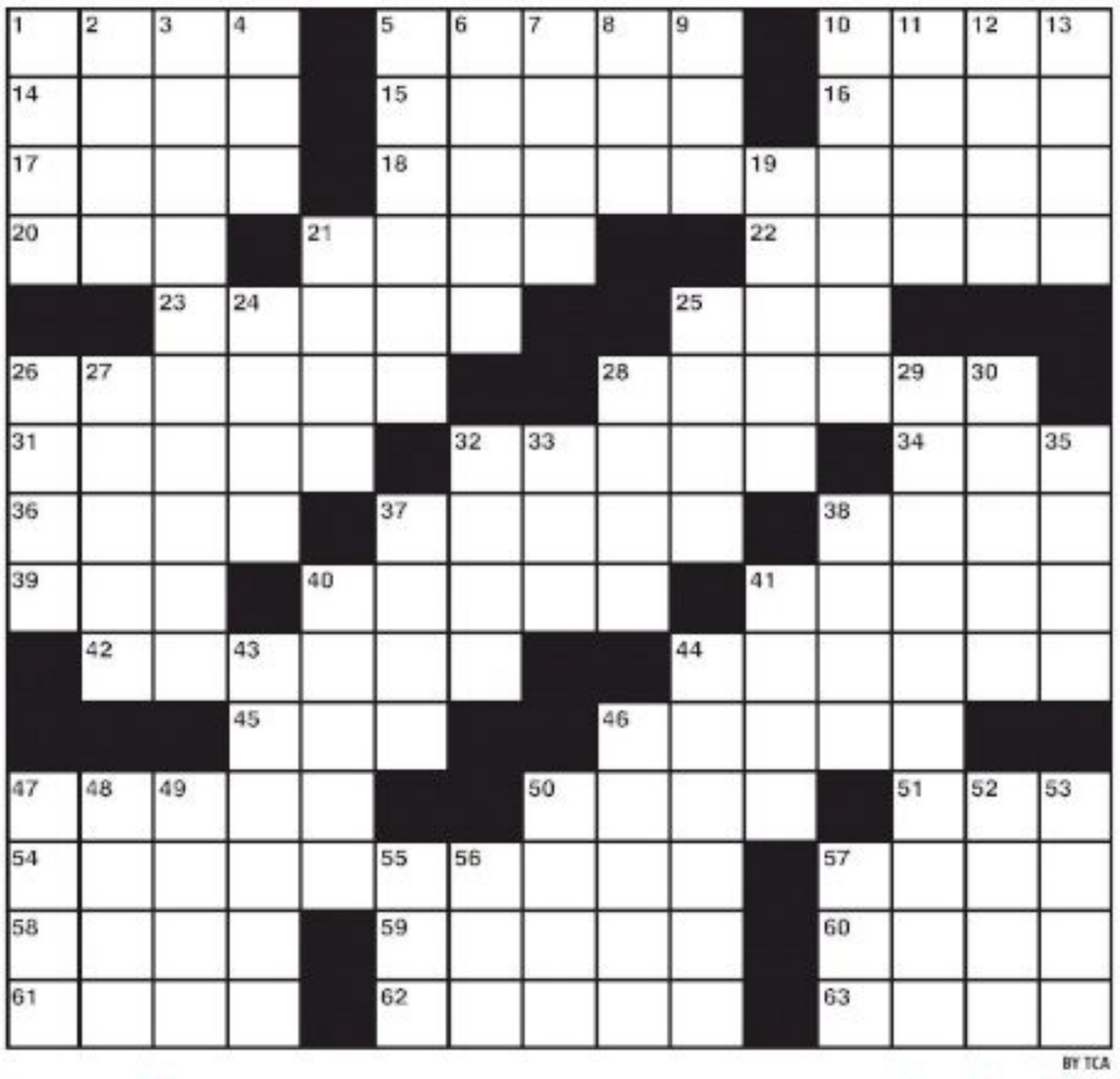

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